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- 25X1 1. The Csepel automobile plant is turning out trucks for the Hungarian Armed Forces. The two types being manufactured are the Rába with a capacity of 3 tons and the Rába with a capacity of 5 tons. During the recent months, the plant has been modernized and its monthly production reached 450 units on 1 April 1952. A celebration at the plant was held on 1 February 1952, on the occasion of the 10,000th motor vehicle being produced for the Armed Forces.
- 25X1 2. The entire output of the plant is earmarked for the military establishment, with the exception of 25-30 vehicles every month, which go to the various government agencies.
3. The manager of the plant is Mrs. Biró, allegedly a relative of Premier Rákosi; the political commissar is János Karmasin.
4. The Csepel automobile plant is using new type of hydraulic brakes manufactured by MOM (Magyar Optikai Művek). The same type of brakes are also being furnished to the automotive department of the Győr Rail Coach Factory. The manager of MOM is the Russian engineer Kostantin Smirnov.
5. The Csepel factory collaborates with the IKARUS plant of Mátyásföld-Budapest, in the manufacturing of Models 621 and 30 busses. These vehicles carry about 40 persons. The monthly production is 80 busses, but it is planned to increase this amount. During the month of January 1952, the first 30 busses were turned over to Bulgaria.
6. The IKARUS plant is located in the old sheds which at one time belonged to the motor vehicle repair shop; new sheds have also been constructed and are part of the plant.

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7. On the premises of the IKARUS plant, the following sheds are under construction:
 - a. A shed for the manufacture of Model 30 busses.
 - b. A shed for assembly.
 - c. A shed to be used for the construction of radiators.
8. The two types of busses turned out by the IKARUS plant are quite good. Reportedly the plant has received orders for such busses from India and from Egypt.

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